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Office Action Summary

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 09 August 2000.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-28 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-28 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
- If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) _____
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other:

DETAILED ACTION

This is in response to a letter for patent filed on August 9th, 2000 in which claims 1-28 are presented for examination. Claims 1-28 are pending in the letter.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

The changes made to 35 U.S.C. 102(e) by the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA) do not apply to the examination of this application as the application being examined was not (1) filed on or after November 29, 2000, or (2) voluntarily published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b). Therefore, this application is examined under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) prior to the amendment by the AIPA (pre-AIPA 35 U.S.C. 102(e)).

2. Claims 1-28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Lawlor et al (U.S. Patent No. 6,202,054).

~~3. As per claims 1 and 20, Lawlor et al teach a method/system of tracking a plurality of~~
financial transactions (*financial services distribution system, 50*) between a user receiver (*remote*

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terminal, 54) and at least one content provider (central computer, 52) coupled to the user receiver by a network (dialup network, 62), wherein the tracking is performed by a third party (bank, 74) separate from the user receiver and separate from the at least one content provider (see fig 1 column 16 line 65-17 line 12) comprising storing preliminary information for each of the plurality of financial transactions in a third party controlled data base (see column 31 line 1-15), obtaining supplemental information for each of the plurality of financial transactions in the third party controlled data base, wherein the obtaining step is performed by the third party (see column 31 line 40-32 line 67), storing the supplemental information for each of the plurality of financial transactions in the third party controlled data base (see column 31 line 59-32 line 67), displaying summary information for each of the plurality of financial transactions upon receipt of a display request from the user receiver, wherein the summary information is comprised of at least a portion of the stored preliminary information (see appendix column 51-68), permitting selection of one or more of the financial transactions by the user receiver for finalization, finalizing the selected one or more financial transactions; and providing transaction finalization information to each of the at least one content providers affected by the selected one or more financial transactions (see appendix column 51-68).

4. As per claim 2, Lawlor et al teach a method further comprising displaying at least one advertisement simultaneously with the summary information (see fig 10, 11A, column 37 line 20-38 line 60).
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5. As per claim 3, Lawlor et al teach a method wherein the at least one advertisement includes linking information to a specific content provider (*see fig 10, 11A, column 37 line 20-38 line 60*).

6. As per claim 5, Lawlor et al teach a method wherein the summary information is comprised of purchase tracking information (*see column 31 line 40-32 line 67*).

7. As per claim 5, Lawlor et al teach a method wherein the summary information is comprised of purchase status information (*see column 31 line 59-32 line 67*).

8. As per claim 6, Lawlor et al teach a method of determining display capabilities for the user receiver; and matching a format corresponding to the displayed summary information to the determined display capabilities (*see fig 10, 11A, column 37 line 20-38 line 60*).

9. As per claim 7, Lawlor et al teach a method of displaying at least one checkout display screen (*see fig 10, 11A, column 37 line 20-38 line 60*).

10. As per claim 8, Lawlor et al teach a method of displaying at least one advertisement simultaneously with the at least one checkout display screen (*see fig 10, 11A, column 37 line 20-38 line 60*).

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11. As per claim 9, Lawlor et al teach a method wherein the at least one advertisement includes linking information to a specific content provider (*see fig 10, 11A, column 37 line 20-38 line 60*)..

12. As per claim 10, Lawlor et al teach a method, wherein the displayed summary information is displayed as a semi-transparent screen overlay (*see fig 10, 11A, column 37 line 20-38 line 60*)..

13. As per claim 11, Lawlor et al teach a method wherein the displayed summary information utilizes only a portion of the determined display capabilities of the user receiver (*see fig 10, 11A, column 37 line 20-38 line 60*)..

14. As per claim 12, Lawlor et al teach a method of permitting selection of one or more of the financial transactions by the user receiver for additional information inquiry; obtaining the additional information for the selected financial transactions from the third party controlled data base; and displaying the additional information for the selected financial transactions (*see column 31 line 40-32 line 67*).

15. As per claim 13, Lawlor et al teach a method of permitting selection of one or more of the financial transactions by the user receiver for additional information inquiry; obtaining the additional information for the selected financial transactions from the at least one content

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provider affected by the selected one or more financial transactions; and displaying the additional information for the selected financial transactions (*see column 31 line 40-32 line 67*).

16. As per claim 14, Lawlor et al teach a method of finalizing the selected one or more financial transactions is performed by a network operator (*see column 31 line 1-15*).

17. As per claim 15, Lawlor et al teach a method of charging each of the at least one content providers affected by the selected one or more financial transactions (*see column 31 line 1-15*).

18. As per claim 16, Lawlor et al teach a method wherein the charging is performed by an operator of the network (*see fig 2 and column 22 line 10-54*).

19. As per claim 17, Lawlor et al teach a method, wherein the fee is based on a total number of finalized financial transactions (*see fig 2 and column 22 line 10-54*).

20. As per claim 18, Lawlor et al teach a method wherein the fee to a specific content provider of the at least one content providers is based on a total number of finalized financial transactions occurring between the user receiver and the specific content provider (*see column 31 line 40-32 line 67*)

21. As per claim 19, Lawlor et al teach a method wherein the fee is based on a cost associated with the finalized financial transactions (*see fig 2 and column 22 line 10-54*).

22. As per claim 21, Lawlor et al teach a system wherein the third party intercepting means detects triggers contained within the enhanced content programming (*see column 31 line 40-32 line 67*).

23. As per claim 22, Lawlor et al teach a system wherein the receiver is selected from the group consisting of set-top boxes, telephones, PDAs, and computers (*see fig 1 column 16 line 65-17 line 12*).

24. As per claim 23, Lawlor et al teach a system wherein the network is selected from the group consisting of cable, fiber optics, telephone lines, terrestrial broadcast systems, and satellite broadcast systems (*see fig 1 column 16 line 65-17 line 12*).

25. As per claim 24, Lawlor et al teach a system for determining a set of display capabilities for the receiver; and third party means for formatting the selected portion of the stored data and information to correspond to the set of display capabilities (*see fig 10, 11A, column 37 line 20-38 line 60*).

26. As per claim 25, Lawlor et al teach a system wherein the displayed selected portion of the stored data and information is a semi-transparent overlay (*see fig 10, 11A, column 37 line 20-38 line 60*).

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27. As per claim 26, Lawlor et al teach a system wherein the displayed selected portion of the stored data and information utilizes only a portion of a screen corresponding to the display (*see fig 10, 11A, column 37 line 20-38 line 60*).

28. As per claim 27, Lawlor et al teach a system wherein the third party intercepting means, the third party means for directly obtaining supplemental information, the third party selecting means, the third party finalizing means, and the third party means for providing financial transaction finalization information is a third party controller coupled to the content provider and to the receiver via the network (*see column 31 line 40-32 line 67*).

29. As per claim 28, Lawlor et al teach a system for displaying at least one advertisement on the display, the at least one advertisement displayed simultaneously with the selected portion of the stored data and information (*see fig 10, 11A, column 37 line 20-38 line 60*).

Conclusion

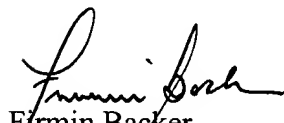
30. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure (*see form 892*).

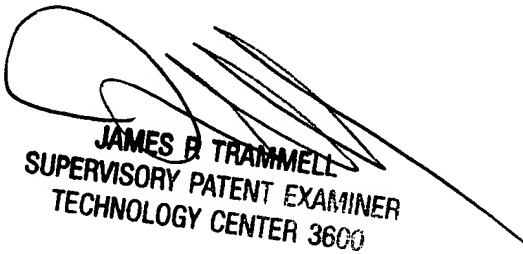
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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-1113.


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